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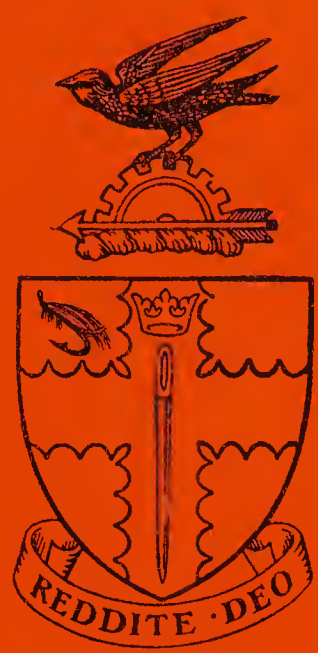

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Annual Report

of the

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

and

CHIEF PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

FOR THE YEAR

1963

REDDITCH URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

A N N U A L R E P O R T

of the

PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT

for the year

1963.

Chairman of the Council : Councillor E.Harris.
Vice - Chairman of the Council : Councillor E.J.T.Cole.

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE

Chairman : Councillor J.H.Taylor.
Vice - Chairman : Councillor Dr. E.H.L.Harries.

Committee Members.

Councillor E.J.T.Cole.
" N.H.Dyer.
" E.H.L.Harries.
" S.V.Hill.
Councillor G.E.Parton.
" D.E.Plim.
" W.J.Stranz.
" A.E.Wharrad.

PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICERS OF THE LOCAL AUTHORITY

Dr. D.S.Pickup, M.B.,B.S.,L.M.S.S.A., D.P.H.,
Medical Officer of Health.

G.H.Champion, Cert'S.I.B!, Chief Public Health Inspector,
Meat and Food Inspector, Inspector under the Shops Act.

G.H.Smith, Cert 'S.I.B! , Deputy Chief Public Health Inspector,
Meat and Food Inspector, (Retired March 31st, 1963)

R.Hill, Cert 'S.I.B!, Additional Public Health Inspector,
Meat and Food Inspector, (Resigned December, 1963.)

A.Summerfield, Cert 'S.I.B!, Additional Public Health Inspector,
Meat and Food Inspector, Smoke Inspector.

F.M.Pocock, P.H.I. Education Board,Additional Public Health Inspector,
Meat and Food Inspector, Smoke Inspector.

A.S.Campbell, M.R.San.A.(Scot),
Meat Inspector.

Mrs. M.M.Arnold - Clerk.

Mrs. C.L.Colley - Clerk.

To the Chairman and Members of the
Redditch Urban District Council.

Mr. Chairman, Lady, and Gentlemen,

I have much pleasure in presenting my Annual Report on the state of Public Health in the Redditch Urban District for the year ending December 31st, 1963.

During the year the general health of the community remained good. We had no serious epidemics.

The Council commenced on the 1st April, (under the 1962 amendment of the National Assistance Act) to operate a subsidy of 6d per meal for all the meals served by the W.V.S. at the Old People's Centre in Park Road, and also for the meals sent out under the Meals on Wheels Scheme. 6,638 meals were served at the Old People's Centre, and 4,791 Meals on Wheels were sent out. The service was extended to Astwood Bank operating from the Church Hall, and 963 meals were served by the end of the year. There is no doubt that this service to the old people will increase in years to come, and I think it represents a great advance for District Councils to be able to assist in this work.

From the statistical point of view, 1963 has been a year of consolidation in Redditch. The population has increased from 34,780 to 35,430, but there is no great change in the Birth Rate and the Death Rate of the town.

The provision of new housing accommodation continued to progress, but at a slower pace than in 1962. The average number of persons per unit of accommodation dropped from 3.04 to 3.02. This is a most useful index of housing in any locality and Redditch compares very favourably in this respect. Our slum clearance programme continued to progress, and assuming we have no great staffing difficulties over the next few years, the great bulk of slums in Redditch should be cleared by 1965. During the year sixteen persons were granted housing priority on Medical Grounds, as opposed to eight in 1962.

The year was marred by the retirement of George Smith, on health grounds, from the post of Deputy Chief Public Health Inspector, at the end of March. We are fortunate in being able to keep his services as a part time assistant in the Health Department, where his experience is still available to the staff. At the end of the year Mr. Hill obtained the post of Public Health Inspector at Droitwich, to our regret, and we wish him well there.

My thanks are due to Mr. Champion, the Public Health Inspectors, and the staff of the Health Department, for the efficiency and enthusiasm with which they carried out their duties during the year.

I am, Mr. Chairman, Lady, and Gentlemen,

Your Obedient Servant,

D.S.Pickup.

Medical Officer of Health.

STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA.

AREA - 12,059 Acres.

Registrar General's Estimate of Resident Population, mid 1963 - 35,430.

Number of inhabited houses, end of 1963 - 11,716.

Rateable Value - £1,373,350.

Sum represented by the penny rate - £5,515

VITAL STATISTICS.

Estimated Population.

1962. - 34,780

1963. - 35,430

Population figures as quoted from the Annual Reports of Medical Officers of Health.

Year	Population.	
1901	13,493	
1911	15,463	
1921	16,530	
1931	19,280	
1939	22,760	
1945	25,470	
1950	29,110	
1951	29,184	- Census
1952	30,360	
1953	30,490	
1954	30,710	
1955	30,930	
1956	31,390	
1957	32,220	
1958	33,120	
1959	33,840	
1960	34,440	
1961	34,077	- Census
1962	34,780	
1963	35,430	

LIVE BIRTHS

(Figures in brackets are 1962 totals.)

LIVE BIRTHS			
	M	F	TOTAL
Legitimate	325	341	666
Illegitimate	18	20	38
Total	343 (336)	361 (372)	704 (708)

BIRTH RATE (Births per 1,000 population) :-

Area Comparability Factor : 0.97

	1959	1960	1961	1962	1963
Crude :	16.37	17.9	20.30	20.36	19.87
Standardised :	15.56	16.9	19.29	19.36	19.27

ILLEGITIMACY RATE (Total live illegitimate births per 1,000 total live births)

1959	1960	1961	1962	1963
48.73	60.35	56.75	63.56	53.97

Percentage of illegitimate live births of total births : 5.39 %

STILL BIRTHS.

STILL BIRTHS			
	M.	F.	Total
Legitimate ...	2	8	10
Illegitimate ...	-	2	2
	2 (4)	10 (9)	12 (13)

STILL BIRTH RATE (still births per 1,000 live and still births.):-

1963	1962	1961	1960	1959	1958	1957	1953
16.75	18.03	17.16	22.32	22.92	20.48	30.77	19.01

Total live and still births 716

The illegitimate birth rate has decreased from 6.36 in 1962 to 5.39 in 1963.

The still birth rate has decreased from 18.03 in 1962 to 16.75 in 1963.

DEATHS

(1962 figures in brackets)

DEATHS		
M.	F.	TOTAL
218 (195	183 (201)	401 (396)

DEATH RATE (Deaths per 1,000 population.) :-

	1959	1960	1961	1962	1963
Crude :	9.75	10.31	10.53	11.09	11.03
Standardised :	11.7	12.4	12.63	13.31	13.23

Area Comparability Factor : 1.20

The principal causes of death were as follows :-

1. Disease of the heart and circulatory system (including intra-cranial vascular lesions) 52.84 % (50.00 %)
2. Cancer (all forms) and other malignant disease ... ... 14.71 % (15.90 %)
3. Respiratory Disease (excluding T.B.) ... 16.95 % (15.40 %)
4. Road and other accidents. ... ... 2.49 % (4.44 %)
5. Tuberculosis ... ... .99 % (.51 %)

MATERNAL MORTALITY.

There were no deaths due to causes associated with childbirth.

INFANT AND NEONATAL MORTALITY

DEATHS OF INFANTS UNDER 1 YEAR			
	M	F	Total
Legitimate ...	4	11	15
Illegitimate..	1	1	2
Total ...	5	12	17

DEATHS OF INFANTS WITHIN THE FIRST FOUR WEEKS			
	M	F	Total
Legitimate ...	1	9	10
Illegitimate...	-	1	1
Total ...	1	10	11

CAUSES OF DEATH IN THE REDDITCH URBAN DISTRICT, 1963.

CAUSE OF DEATH	M	F	Total	Mortality Rate/1,000 Pop. 1963.	Mortality Rate/1,000 Pop. 1962.
1. Tuberculosis of the Respiratory System	4	-	4	0.11	0.057
2. Other forms of Tuberculosis	0	0	0	0	0
3. Syphilitic Disease	0	0	0	0	0
4. Diphtheria	0	0	0	0	0
5. Whooping Cough	0	0	0	0	0
6. Meningococcal Infections ...	0	0	0	0	0
7. Acute Poliomyelitis	0	0	0	0	0
8. Measles....	0	0	0	0	0
9. Other Infectious and Parasitic Diseases.	1	-	1	0.028	0
10. Malignant Neoplasm, Stomach	4	5	9	0.254	0.311
11. Malignant Neoplasm, Lung Bronchus	16	1	17	0.479	0.431
12. Malignant Neoplasm, Breast...	-	5	5	0.141	0.287
13. Malignant Neoplasm, Uterus...	-	5	5	0.141	0.057
14. Other Malignant and Lymphatic Neoplasms.	13	10	23	0.649	0.69
15. Leukaemia, Aleukaemia ...	0	0	0	0	0.029
16. Diabetes...	-	4	4	0.11	0.057
17. Vascular Lesions of the Nervous System	40	37	77	2.173	1.85
18. Coronary Disease, Angina ...	47	23	70	1.975	1.56
19. Hypertension with Heart Disease	2	-	2	0.056	0.23
20. Other Heart Disease	18	27	45	1.27	1.35
21. Other Diseases of the Circulatory System...	9	9	18	0.058	0.431
22. Influenza	2	2	4	0.11	0.143
23. Pneumonia	10	16	26	0.733	0.632
24. Bronchitis	26	7	33	0.931	0.891
25. Other Disease of the Respiratory System....	2	3	5	0.141	0.086
26. Ulcer of the Stomach and Duodenum	3	-	3	0.084	0.143
27. Gastritis, Enteritis, Diarrhoea.	1	-	1	0.028	0.057
28. Nephritis and Nephrosis. ...	3	2	5	0.141	0.029
29. Hyperplasia of Prostate ...	3	-	3	0.084	0.143
30. Pregnancy, Childbirth, and Abortion	0	0	0	0	0
31. Congenital Malformations ...	1	-	1	0.028	0.201
32. Other Defined and Ill-Defined Diseases	7	20	27	0.762	0.891
33. Motor Vehicle Accidents ...	2	3	5	0.141	0.143
34. All Other Accidents	3	2	5	0.141	0.311
35. Suicide	1	2	3	0.084	0.057
36. Homicide and Operations of War.	0	0	0	0	0.029
TOTAL	218 (195)	183 (201)	401 (396)		

INFANT AND NEONATAL MORTALITY RATES

	1963	1962	1961	1953
Infant mortality rate per 1,000 live births	24.14	24.01	17.46	19.38
Legitimate infant mortality rate per 1,000 legitimate births	22.72	22.62	17.46	16.19
Illegitimate infant mortality rate per 1,000 illegitimate births	52.63	44.44	-	90.90
Neonatal mortality rate per 1,000 live births	15.62	16.95	23.28	7.75

CAUSES OF INFANT DEATHS.

(N.B. - Neonatal deaths in brackets).

	1963	1962	1961
Prematurity	(7)	(3)	(5)
Broncho Pneumonia	4	(1)	3(1)
Congenital Malformations	-	2(6)	1
Asphyxia	1	-	1
Heart Failure	-	-	(1)
Adrenal and Peri-Adrenal Haemorrhage	-	(1)	-
Hydrocephalus	-	-	-
Multiple Injuries	-	-	-
Malignant Disease	-	-	-
Atelectasis	-	-	(2)
Coma	(1)	(1)	-
Respiratory Failure	-	-	-
Poisoning by Gas Mains	1	-	-
Cerebral Haemorrhage	(2)	1(1)	(1)
Infections	1	1	-

DEATHS BY AGE		
Age in years	1963%	1962%
Under 1	4.23	4.29
1 - 14	.75	1.26
15 - 24	1.25	0.51
25 - 64	24.93	25.00
65 and over. ..	68.82	68.94

GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES.

Clinics and treatment services.

CLINIC	SITUATION	TIME OF HOLDING
Redditch Infant Welfare Centre.	Old Vicarage, Bromsgrove Road.	Tuesday, 2p.m.
Batchley Estate Infant Welfare Centre.	Church Hall, Batchley Estate.	Wednesday, 2p.m.
Abbeydale Infant Welfare Centre.	Abbeydale Community Centre.	2nd and 4th Thursdays 2-45 p.m.
Astwood Bank Infant Welfare Centre.	Church Hall, Church Road, Ast.Bank.	2nd & 4th Mondays, 2 p.m.
Feckenham Infant Welfare Centre.	Village Hall, Feckenham	3rd Wednesdays, 2p.m.
Greenlands Infant Welfare Clinic.	The Clinic, Greenlands Estate.	1st & 3rd Tuesdays, 2 p.m.
Headless Cross Infant Welfare Clinic	Methodist Chapel, Headless Cross.	1st & 3rd Mondays, 2 p.m.
School Clinic.	Old Vicarage.	1st Thursday, 9-30 a.m.
Dental Clinic.	Day Nursery, Bromsgrove Road.	By appointment.
Ante-Natal Clinic.	Old Vicarage.	Mondays, 2 p.m.
Orthopaedic Clinic.	Smallwood Hospital.	Mondays, 9.30 a.m.
Tuberculosis.Clinic.	Smallwood Hospital	Thursdays, 10-0 a.m.
Ophthalmic Clinic.	Old Vicarage.	By appointment.
Family Planning Clinic.	Old Vicarage.	Tuesdays, 6-30 - 8-0 p.m.
Chiropody Clinic.	Old Vicarage.	By appointment.
Occulist Clinic.	Old Vicarage.	Wednesday Afternoon, By appointment.
Relaxation and Mothercraft.	Old Vicarage.	Wednesday afternoon.
Speech Therapist Clinic.	Old Vicarage.	All day Wednesday. All day Friday.
Audiometry Clinic.	Old Vicarage.	By appointment.

MIDWIFERY AND HOME NURSING. - Three agencies provided the Midwifery services for the district, (1) the Family Doctor - ante and post natal care and home confinements; (2) the County Council - ante natal clinics and district midwives; (3) the Regional Hospital Board - hospitals for delivery and treatment. The County Council provided nurse-midwives who attended general nursing and midwifery cases in the home.

HEALTH VISITING.

The County Council continued to provide a Health Visiting Service. The Health Visitors serving the district are :-

Miss M.Chamberlain,S.R.N.,S.C.M.,H.V.,Old Vicarage,Bromsgrove Road.
Miss B.P.Cramp,S.R.N.,S.C.M.,H.V.,Old Vicarage,Bromsgrove Road.
Miss V.J.Crow, S.R.N.,H.V.,Old Vicarage, Bromsgrove Road.
Mrs.J.Davies,S.R.N.,C.M.B.,O.N.C.,H.V., 11 Boxnott Close,Redditch.
Mrs.E.Jones,S.R.N.,S.C.M.,H.V.,7 Shelley Close, Redditch.
Miss M.Pike,S.R.N., S.C.M.,H.V.,Old Vicarage,Bromsgrove Road.
Miss A.Potter, S.R.N.,Q.I.N.S.,H.V.,6 Church Road, Webheath.

SCHOOL HEALTH.

The County Council continued to provide an extensive school health service. School Medical Officers carried out inspections of children, and regular Minor Ailment Clinics were held at the Old Vicarage, Bromsgrove Road, Redditch. Specialist, Opthalmic and Orthopaedic Clinics were held as well. A full-time Assistant School Dental Officer was available.

SMALLPOX AND POLIOMYELITIS VACCINATION, AND DIPHTHERIA AND WHOOPING COUGH IMMUNISATION.

The County Council continued to provide this service. It was administered by the District Medical Officer of Health.

LABORATORY FACILITIES

Bacteriological and virological investigations were carried out for the department by the Worcester Laboratory of the Public Health Laboratory Service. Special investigations were carried out by the Central Public Health Laboratory at Colindale. Chemical analyses were carried out by the County Laboratory, Worcester.

HOSPITALS.

The following hospitals were available to the residents of the district.

1. Infectious Diseases ...	Hayley Green Isolation Hospital,Halesowen. Little Bromwich Fever Hospital. Newtown Isolation Hospital, Worcester.
2. Maternity	Bromsgrove General Hospital. Mary Stevens Maternity Hospital,Stourbridge. Lucy Baldwin Maternity Hospital,Stourport. Avonside Hospital, Evesham.
3. General Medical and Surgical cases	Smallwood Hospital,Redditch. Bromsgrove General Hospital. Royal Infirmary,Worcester., and various Birmingham Hospitals.
4. Children's Diseases ...	The Children's Hospital, Birmingham.
5. Venereal Diseases ...	The General Hospital, Birmingham.
6. Aged Chronic Sick. ...	Bromsgrove General Hospital. Blakebrook Hospital, Kidderminster. Avonside Hospital,Evesham.
7. Mental Illness	Barnsley Hall Mental Hospital, Bromsgrove.

HEALTH EDUCATION.

The Council continued to subscribe to the Council for Health Education whose services were utilised during the year.

Talks on health subjects were given by members of the Health Department to various organisations in the town.

HOME AND DOMESTIC HELP SERVICE.

The service continued to function during the year. It was conducted through the agency of the W.V.S. for the County Council by Mrs. F.Cooper.

Cases dealt with :-

Maternity Cases	20
Chronic Sick	123
Others	25
Tuberculosis	2

15 part time Home Helps were employed.

WELFARE.

The County Welfare Officer continued under the direction of the County Council with her headquarters in Redditch.

MEALS ON WHEELS

The W.V.S. continued to provide this service,and from the centre in Redditch a total of 11,029 meals were served during the year, an increase of 1,429.

The new centre at Astwood Bank, which was opened in May, 1963, served a total of 963 meals during the year.

HOUSING

The housing figures for 1963 are as follows :-

Number of houses built by Council during year	...	137
Number of houses built by private enterprise	...	144
Number of houses under construction by Council	...	13
Number of houses under construction by private enterprise	...	202
Number of houses built by others (Worcestershire County Council, etc.,)	...	10
Total number of post-war Council Houses built.	...	2,504

Population in relation to the number of inhabited dwellings :-

Year.	Population (Estimated)	Increase or decrease in Population.	Natural increase (Births less Deaths)	Increase by Immigration	Units of Accommodation.	Increase of units of Accommodation.	Number of persons per unit of Accommodation.
1945	25,470	-470	190	-660	7,846	49	3.40
1946	26,040	570	272	298	7,792	306	3.34
1947	26,680	640	197	443	8,054	262	3.31
1948	27,900	1,220	199	1,021	8,265	211	3.38
1949	28,440	540	206	334	8,536	271	3.33
1950	29,110	670	229	441	8,831	295	3.30
1951	29,400	290	225	65	9,073	242	3.24
1952	30,360	960	253	707	9,261	188	3.28
1953	30,490	130	248	-118	9,456	195	3.22
1954	30,710	220	230	-10	9,786	330	3.14
1955	30,930	220	196	24	9,845	59	3.09
1956	31,390	460	199	261	9,954	109	3.15
1957	32,220	830	263	567	10,439	485	3.01
1958	33,120	900	235	665	10,332	107	3.21
1959	33,840	720	224	496	10,570	238	3.2
1960	34,440	560	255	305	10,763	198	3.2
1961	34,077	363	328	----	11,042	279	3.08
1962	34,780	703	312	391	11,408	366	3.04
1963	35,430	650	303	347	11,716	308	3.02
1946 to 1963	10,646 (9,293)	4,374 (4,071)	6,493 (6,146)			4,449 (4,141)	

MEDICAL PRIORITIES

Sixteen persons were granted housing priority on medical grounds for the reasons stated below :-

Chest ... 2 Heart ... 4 Nervous ... 1 General debility ... 2
Psychological and Mental Diseases ... 5 Others ... 2

PREVALENCE OF, AND CONTROL OVER, INFECTIOUS AND OTHER DISEASES. NOTIFIABLE DISEASES (OTHER THAN TUBERCULOSIS) DURING 1963.

DISEASE.	Under 1 year	1-	2-	3-	4-	5-	10-	15-24	25-44	45-64	65 & over.	Age unknown	Total
Measles.	30	90	109	120	129	402	18	1	1	-	-	18	918
Whooping Cough.	-	-	-	1	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	3
Scarlet Fever.	-	-	2	1	1	10	2	1	-	-	-	-	17
Dysentery.	-	2	-	1	1	2	1	2	3	-	-	-	12
Acute Pneumonia.	1	-	-	-	1	1	2	1	3	7	3	2	21
Food Poisoning.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	1	-	-	3
Puerperal Pyrexia.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1
Influenzal Pneumonia.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1
Meningitis.	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Enteritis.	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	2
Totals.	31	92	111	123	132	419	24	6	10	8	3	20	979

DIPHTHERIA IMMUNISATION.

The 'Immunisation State' of Redditch children on December,31st,1963 was as follows :-

The number of children immunised during the year was as follows :-

	1963	1962	1961	1960
Primary Immunisations.				
Under 5 years old	644	565	712	646
5-14 years old.....	22	21	37	58
Reinforcing 'Booster'Injections.	687	554	1,663	627

SMALLPOX VACCINATION.

NUMBER OF PERSONS VACCINATED OR RE-VACCINATED DURING 1963.									
Age at date of vaccination.	0-3 mths.	3-6 mths.	6-9 mths.	9-12 mths.	1	2-4	5-14	15 & over.	Total.
Number Vaccinated	16	24	8	11	196	7	6	15	283
Number Re-Vaccinated.	-	-	-	-	-	6	13	23	42

TUBERCULOSIS (Incidence and mortality during 1963)

AGE	NEW CASES				DEATHS			
	Pulmonary.		Non-Pulmonary.		Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
0-	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
1-	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2-	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
4-	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
15-	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
25-	2	2	0	0	1	0	0	0
35-	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
45-	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
55-	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
65 & over.	1	0	0	0	2	0	0	0
	12 (12)	6 (6)	0 (0)	1 (0)	4 (1)	0 (1)	0 (0)	0 (0)

The number of cases on the Tuberculosis register on 31st December, 1963 was :-

	M	F	TOTAL
Pulmonary	135	100	235
Non-Pulmonary	6	6	12
Total	141	106	247

Total on December 31st, 1962
245
11
256

REPORT OF THE CHIEF PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR FOR THE YEAR 1963.

To the Chairman and Members of the
Redditch Urban District Council.

Mr.Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I beg to present my twenty-fifth annual report and details of inspections made and improvements effected are as follows:-

INSPECTIONS

Accumulations Found	-	...	27
Animals kept	- Piggeries	...	33
	- Fowls,Pigeons,etc	...	4
Complaints	- Total no.investigated (all premises)	..	120
Cottager's pigs	- No.of notifications of slaughter	...	3
	- No.of pigs inspected	...	3
Drainage	- No.of drains found choked	...	85
	- No.of drains found defective	...	87
	- No.of drains tested	...	132
	- Visits to work in progress	...	208
	- Visits to premises re cesspools	...	73
Dwelling houses	- Visits re Improvement Grants	...	584
	- No.of inspections re repairs	...	296
	- Re-inspections	...	1106
	- No.inspected re overcrowding	...	78
	- No.found dirty	...	9
	- No.found verminous(premises)	...	8
	- No.found verminous(persons)	...	-
	- No.of systematic inspections	...	475
Rodent Control	- No.of premises visited	...	913
	- No.of premises found infested	...	366
	- Total number of visits	...	1120
Infectious Diseases	- Visits re Scarlet Fever	...	32
	- Visits re Diphtheria	...	-
	- Visits re Other Diseases	...	605
Factories	- With mechanical power	...	123
	- Without mechanical power	...	8
	- Bakehouses	...	11
	- Other premises	...	4
Food Premises	- Butchers shops	...	98
	- Bacon Factory	...	343
	- Confectioners	...	36
	- Markets	...	35
	- Fruiterers	...	8
	- Fishmongers & fried fish shops	...	82
	- Greengrocers and grocers	...	242
	- Licenced premises	...	15
	- Ice cream vondors & manufacturers	...	137
	- Ice cream samples taken	....	28
	- Preparation of potted meat etc	...	17
	- Restaurants, cafe kitchens and factory canteens	...	75

Knacker's Yard	-		...	87
Shops Act	-		...	73
Noise Abatement	-		...	17
Smoke Abatement	-	No.of observations made	...	14
	-	Inspection of premises	...	49
Tents, vans, sheds,etc	-		...	57
Water supplies	-	Visits to premises re wells	...	11
Local Authority premises	-	Tips	...	21
	-	Sewage Works	...	41
	-	Sanitary conveniences	...	23
	-	Swimming Baths	...	34
	-	Swimming bath samples taken	...	13
Miscellaneous visits	-		...	1,496
		Total number of inespections :-	...	8,231

IMPROVEMENT GRANTS

During the year 64 applications for grant were approved and the total amount approved for grant was £10,100.10.0. Of these 56 applications were for standard grants, an average of £144 per house, and 8 applications were for discretionary grants, an average of £249 per house. Details of grants issued were as follows:-

DISCRETIONARY

Cruise Hill Cottage,Ham Green.	£400
29,Church Road, Astwood Bank.	£205
200,Enfield Road, Hunt End.	£190
7,Feckenham Road, Headless Cross.	£322.10.0
Glebe Farm, Feckenham.	£200
Broadgate Cottage,Ham Green.	£300
127,Evesham Road, Headless Cross.	£160
15,Avenue Road, Astwood Bank.	£220

STANDARD

81,Archer Road.	£155	149,Evesham Road,Headless Cross.	£155
85, " "	£150	493, " " Crabbs Cross.	£155
11,Avenue Road,Astwood Bank.	£145	101,Easemore Road, Redditch.	£145
42,Albert Street.	£155	96, " " "	£155
44, " "	£155	2,Feckenham Road, "	£155
239,Beoley Road.	£155	30,Glover Street. "	£155
132,Birchfield Road.	£145	89a,Heathfield Road. "	£155
46, " "	£145	37,Holloway Lane. "	£155
8, " "	£150	35, " " "	£145
The Bungalow,Brockhill Lane.	£40	63,Lodge Road, "	£155
109,Bromsgrove Road.	£150	56, " " "	£155
14,Chapel St.Astwood Bank.	£155	58, " " "	£155
12, " " "	£155	60, " " "	£155
340,Evesham Road, "	£145	62, " " "	£155
475, " " Crabbs Cross.	£145	64, " " "	£155
375, " " "	£115		

Standard Improvement Grants (Cont'd).

132, Lodge Road.	£145	5,Melen Street.	£155
10,Ludlow Road.	£155	51,Oakly Road.	£145
136,Mount Pleasant.	£125	113,Oakly Road.	£155
15, " "	£155	135,Other Road.	£153
8, " "	£180	115, " "	£155
120, " "	£145	5,Smallwood Row.	£155
258, " "	£155	90,St.George's Road.	£1[illegible]
14-32 Marsden Road.	£1550	59,The Slough,Crabbs Cross.	£155

WATER SUPPLIES:

Water is supplied throughout the district by the East Worcestershire Waterworks Co. Four samples of mains water were taken for analysis which were satisfactory.

Of the 11,716 occupied premises in the district 99.77% have mains supply and only 27 houses are using wells. A small mains extension to provide water for three houses using wells was carried out.

Details of water mains extensions during the year are as follows:-

Harport Road	-	35 yds.	3"	S.I.
Webheath Estate	-	205 yds.	4"	S.I.
Tynsall Avenue Webheath Estate	-	453 yds.	3"	A.C.
Abbeydale Estate	-	61 yds.	3"	S.I.
Priestfield Road Crabbs Cross	-	140 yds.	3"	A.C.
Walkwood Road Crabbs Cross	-	140 yds.	2"	P.V.C.
Chapel Road Astwood Bank	-	55 yds.	3"	S.I.

FOOD PREMISES:

There are in the urban area 342 food premises, details of which are as follows:-

	No.	No.of inspections.
Slaughterhouses	1	343
Markets	1	35
Bakehouses	5	11
Confectioners and Sweets	35	36
Butchers	33	98
Grocers and Greengrocers	133	243
Fishmongers and fried fish shops	16	82
Restaurants,cafes,factory and school canteens	56	75
Ice cream vendors & manufacturers	106	137
Licensed Premises(including clubs)	62	15
Total;	342	1075

CONDEMNED FOOD:

The following is a list of foodstuffs surrendered as unfit for human consumption:-

Meat	...	155 tins	Jam	...	5 Jars
Fruit	...	288 "	Pickles	...	3 "
Vegetables	...	113 "	Cereals	...	7 packets
Tomatoes	...	173 "	Suet	...	2 "
Cream	...	3 "	Chocolate	...	4 bars
Fish	...	53 "	Pork Pie	...	3 lbs
Soup	...	22 "	Bacon	...	86½ lbs
Evaporated Milk	...	12 "	Ham	...	14¼ lbs
Blackberry Pudding	...	5 "	Tongue	...	1 lb.
Cereals	...	5 "	Cod Fillets	...	8 lbs.
Chicken	...	1 "	Margarine	...	1 lb.
Orange Crush	...	5 "	Butter	...	9½ lbs.
Baby foods	...	2 "	Cheese	...	63 lbs.
Golden Syrup	...	1 "			

ICE CREAM:

One hundred and six premises are registered to retail ice cream and of these four are registered to manufacture. During the year 137 inspections were made and 20 samples taken for bacteriological examination and 8 samples taken for chemical analysis.

Bacteriological Samples

There are four provisional grades for ice cream and grades 1 and 2 are satisfactory. Repeat samples of those in grades 3 and 4 were Grade 1. Of the 20 samples, 16 were Grade 1, 1 Grade 2, 2 Grade 3 and 1 Grade 4.

Chemical Samples

The minimum chemical standard for ice cream is 5% fat, 7½% solids not fat. Of the samples taken the highest fat content was 12.4% and the lowest 8.3%. The average was 10.8%. The highest total solids content was 28.3% and the lowest 18.5%. The average was 23.3%.

MEAT AND OTHER FOODS:

Of the 33 butchers shops, 12 are multiple concerns. Three local butchers use licensed slaughterhouses situated outside the district. The remaining butchers buy off the hook from wholesalers operating from Stratford, Kidderminster and Bromsgrove. One large bacon factory with facilities for handling 2,500 pigs a week is situated in the area but at present its output is far below potential.

100% inspection of carcases is maintained of animals slaughtered in the district. Details of inspection are given in the following table.

1,075 inspections were made at food premises as compared with 1,432 the previous year. The reduction was due to the closing of a licensed slaughter-house at Feckenham.

CARCASES INSPECTED AND CONDEMNED:

	Cattle exc.cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs
No.killed(if known)	-	-	-	-	24,127
No.inspected	-	-	-	-	24,127
All diseases except Tuberculosis					
Whole carcases condemned	-	-	-	-	92
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	-	-	-	-	1,189
Percentage of the number affected with disease other than Tuberculosis	-	-	-	-	5.31%
Tuberculosis only					
Whole carcases condemned	-	-	-	-	3
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	-	-	-	-	504
Percentage of the number affected with tuberculosis	-	-	-	-	2.1%

RODENT CONTROL:

Local authority premises such as refuse tips and sewage works are regularly inspected and treated when necessary. The analysis of Inspections and Treatments is as follows:-

Inspections:

Number of domestic premises inspected	... ...	785
Number of business premises inspected	... ...	59
Number of local authority premises inspected	... ...	58
Number of farms inspected	... ...	11
Total number of premises inspected	... ...	913

Infestations found:

Total number of infestations found	... ...	384

Analysis of Infestations:

Number of infestations found(Rats)(Major)	... ...	64
Number of infestations found(Rats)(Minor	... ...	302
Total number of infestations found(Rats).	...	366
Number of infestations found(Mice)(Major)	... ...	11
Number of infestations found(Mice)(Minor)	... ...	7
Total number of infestations found(Mice).	...	18

Treatment:

Number of first treatments	... ...	347
Number of second treatments	... ...	-
Total number of treatments	... ...	347
Total number of visits for treatment	... ...	1,120

Analysis of First Treatments:

Number of first treatments(Rats)(Major)	... ...	57
Number of first treatments(Rats)(Minor)	... ...	285
Number of first treatments(Mice)(Major)	... ...	1
Number of first treatments(Mice)(Minor)	... ...	4
Total number of treatments(Rats and Mice)	...	347

Sewer Maintenance Treatment:

Number of sewer maintenance treatments	... ...	3
Number of manholes baited(first treatment)	... ...	148
Number of manholes baited(second treatment)	... ...	154
Number of manholes baited(third treatment)	... ...	15
Total number of manholes baited	... ...	320

Bait Base:- Pinhead oatmeal and Fluoracetamide (3%)

RAG FLOCK AND OTHER FILLING MATERIALS ACT,1951:

The main purpose of this Act is to improve the standard of cleanliness of fillings used in upholstery and for the registration of premises where this work is carried out. It does not apply to the remaking or reconditioning of furniture. When the Act came into operation in August,1951, two premises were registered under these provisions. They have since ceased to manufacture furniture and are not now subject to the provisions of this Act.

HOUSING:

During the year 11 unfit houses were demolished as follows:-

Clearance Areas -	
Crabbs Cross Clearance Area No.1	4 houses
Crabbs Cross Clearance Area No.2	5 "
Individual houses-	
10 & 12 Feckenham Rd.Astwood Bank.	2 "

During the year 27 unfit houses were represented as follows:-

George Street Clearance Area	4 houses
Adelaide Street Clearance Area	15 "
Individual houses-	
2 & 4 Pumphouse Lane	2 "
1 Adelaide Street	1 "
1 Dixon's Bungalows,Hewell Road	1 "
Bungalow, rear 63 Heathfield Road,Webheath	1 "
49,51 and 53 Heathfield Road "	3 "

INSPECTION OF DWELLING HOUSES DURING THE YEAR

(1)	(a) Total number of dwelling houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts)	... 296
	(b) Number of inspections made for the purpose	... 1106
(2)	(a) Number of dwelling houses (included under subhead (1) above)which were inspected and recorded under the Housing Consolidated Regulations,1925 and 1932	... 475
	(b) Number of inspections made for this purpose	... 475
(3)	Number of dwelling houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation	... 125
(4)	Number of dwelling houses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-head) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation	... 75

REMEDY OF DEFECTS WITHOUT SERVICE OF FORMAL NOTICES

Number of defective dwelling houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority of their officers	... 65

ACTION UNDER STATUTORY POWERS DURING THE YEAR

(a)	Proceedings under Section 9, 10 and 12 of Housing Act, 1957.		
(1)	Number of dwelling houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs	...	Nil
(2)	Number of dwelling houses which were rendered fit after service of formal notices:-		
	(a) By Owners	...	Nil
	(b) By Local Authority in default of owners	...	Nil
(b)	Proceedings under Public Health Acts		
(1)	Number of dwelling houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied	...	34
(2)	Number of dwelling houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notice:-		
	(a) By Owners	...	34
	(b) By Local Authority in default of owners	...	Nil
(c)	Proceedings under Section 17 of the Housing Act, 1957		
(1)	Number of dwelling houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made	...	7
(2)	Number of dwelling houses in respect of which Closing Orders were made	...	1
(3)	Number of dwelling houses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders	...	2
(d)	Proceedings under Section 18 of the Housing Act, 1957		
(1)	Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were determined the tenement or room having been rendered fit	...	Nil

HOUSING ACT, 1957, PART IV, OVERCROWDING

(a)(1)	Number of dwellings overcrowded at the end of the year	No accurate information available
(2)	Number of families dwelling therein	
(3)	Number of persons dwelling therein	
(b)	Number of new cases of overcrowding reported during the year	
(c)(1)	Number of cases of overcrowding relieved during the year	
(2)	Number of persons concerned in such cases	
(d)	Particulars of any cases in which dwelling houses have again become overcrowded after the Local Authority have taken steps for the abatement of overcrowding	

FACTORIES

1. INSPECTIONS FOR PURPOSES OF PROVISIONS AS TO HEALTH.

Premises (1)	No. on Register (2)	Inspections (3)	Written Notices (4)	Occupiers Prosecuted (5)
(1) Factories in which Sections 1,2,3,4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities ...	47	8	-	-
(2) Factories not included in (1) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority ...	279	123	-	-
(3) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding outworkers' premises ...	9	15	-	-
Total: ...	335	146	-	-

2. DEFECTS FOUND

Particulars (1)	Number of cases in which defects were found: Found (2)	Reme-died (3)	Referred to H.M. Inspector (4)	Referred by H.M. Inspector (5)	Number of offences in respect of which prosecutions were instituted. (6)
Want of cleanliness (S.1) ...	2	2	-	-	-
Overcrowding (S.2) ...	-	-	-	-	-
Unreasonable temperature (S.3) ...	-	-	-	-	-
Inadequate ventilation (S.4) ...	-	-	-	-	-
Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6) ...	-	-	-	-	-
Sanitary Conveniences (S.7) (a)insufficient ...	2	2	-	-	-
(b)unsuitable or defective ...	4	4	-	1	-
(c)not separate for sexes ...	-	-	-	-	-
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to outworkers ...	3	3	-	-	-
TOTAL: ...	11	11	-	1	-

I have the honour to be, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your Obedient Servant,

G. H. Champion,

Chief Public Health Inspector.